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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
25X1A6a SUBJECT: Project IDEALIST Facility [REDACTED]

25X1A6a 1. This memorandum contains the OSA plan to exert a concentrated effort to update the maintenance of Project IDEALIST property at [REDACTED]. The plan is contained in paragraphs 3 through 5.

25X1A6a 2. Project IDEALIST property, prepositioned to support operations in the Middle East, has been located at [REDACTED] since 1963. The property consists of Agency and Air Force furnished equipment and supplies. A list of the property is included as Attachment I to this memorandum. Because of the long time inactivity of [REDACTED] the property in storage is not considered to be in required serviceable condition to support the launch and/or recovery of U-2 aircraft. This is attributed to the lack of Project personnel at [REDACTED] to perform the constant maintenance required to keep equipment in readiness and to the political situation which makes it extremely difficult to send in Project maintenance personnel to perform larger scale maintenance when required.

25X1A6a 3. The basic OSA plan is to airlift the greater portion of IDEALIST property from [REDACTED]. This property consists of major support items such as vehicles, communications equipment and high value housekeeping equipment. Maintenance to bring the property up to the required standards will be performed by Project personnel when the materiel has been received at [REDACTED]. When all property is in serviceable condition it will be retained at [REDACTED] under the surveillance of Project personnel in readiness for deployment to [REDACTED] as required.

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4. A minimum amount of property is to remain at [REDACTED]. This includes specific items which are useful to [REDACTED] OEL, [REDACTED] representative at [REDACTED] will utilize this equipment and, in turn, has agreed to maintain it and generally oversee the storage of remaining materiel. Also scheduled to remain at [REDACTED] are common housekeeping equipment and supplies in the low cost category which are in unserviceable condition. Airlift evacuation of equipment in this category is not considered economically feasible and current plan is to dispose of the materiel locally.

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5. To consummate this plan, OSA has requested the [REDACTED], to negotiate clearance to enter [REDACTED] with USAF transport aircraft for evacuation of materiel. For this airlift he has been requested to furnish the necessary data on weights and cubes to enable OSA to request airlift from USAF. The [REDACTED], has also been requested to begin cleaning and rehabilitation of the physical facilities utilized by the Project when operating from [REDACTED].

6. The request which initiated this plan of action has been coordinated with OEL, FE Division and NE Division.

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Director of Special Activities

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